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Docket No. 5000-4810

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Serial No. : 09/690,420 Examiner : Vanaman, Frank B.
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2001 constituting a requirement for restriction in the above-identified application, election is made to prosecute the claims in the Examiner's Species V, (i.e., Figures 30-31). As described in the Specification at page 89, line 32 to page 90, line 22, the vehicle control procedures executed in step S609 of Fig. 31 include any of the control procedures described in the embodiments of Figures 1 to 25. The embodiments of Figures 1-9 describe the anti-lock break control (ABS control), the embodiments of Figures 10-11 describe the traction control (TRC control), and the embodiments of Figures 12-25 describe the direction switching control. Because the elected Species V illustrated in Figures 30-31 includes the embodiments of Figures 1 to 25, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-29, 34, 40, 45-46 and 48-49 are readable on the elected Species V, as mentioned above.

Action on the merits of claims 1-29, 34, 40, 45-46 and 48-49 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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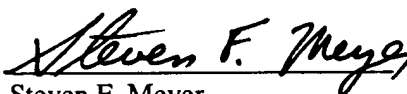
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